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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

SIR:

Applicant respectfully requests a four month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated April 16, 2003, which set a two month time period to respond, thereby extending the time to respond through to, and including October 16, 2003, the date of this mailing. Applicant includes herewith the proscribed Small Entity fee of \$475.00, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), by credit card. Form PTO-2038 (completed) is attached.

AMENDMENT¹

In the Specification

Please amend the abstract to read as follows, noting that there are no changes to the text or content, only reformatting to ensure that it fits on a complete page, and is less than 150 words, as requested:

¹Applicant has sought to comply with the new rules proposed under 37 C.F.R. 1.121 for simplified submission, to the extent these rules are comprehensible.